

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are now pending in the application. Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled. Therefore, the application no longer reclaims subject matter that was non-elected in the original application. Because original patented claims 1 and 2 are the only claims remaining, the application should be in condition for allowance.

Reissue Oath/Declaration

With regard to the Examiner's objection to the oath or declaration, Applicant notes that in the application resulting in U.S. Patent Number 6,371,268, issued November 26, 2001, an Amendment and Petition was filed deleting all inventors, except the named inventors Thomas W. Giacomini and John M. McCalla. A copy of the Amendment and Petition is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. Accordingly, it is believed that the Declaration filed with this application properly identifies each inventor by full name and country and citizenship and further includes each inventor's residence and mailing address.

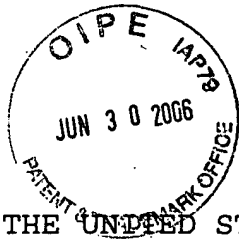
Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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Art Unit 3681

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Inventor:

Examiner: Rodriguez

Title: RETENTION MECHANISM FOR VEHICLE WHEEL ASSEMBLY

AMENDMENT, PETITION AND FEE DELETING CORRECTLY
NAMED PERSONS WHO ARE NOT INVENTORS OF INVENTION
NOW BEING CLAIMED - NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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This amendment and petition under 37 CFR §1.48(b) is to delete the names of the following persons named as inventors of the invention now being claimed:

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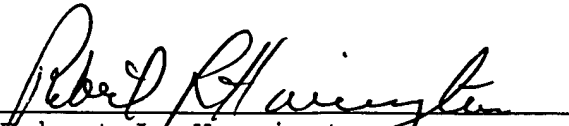
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The claims in the application are originally filed Claims 1 and 2.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the fee

required to be paid.

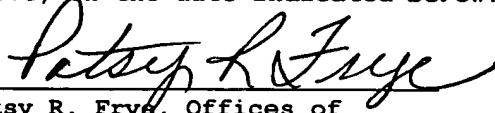
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LETTER ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

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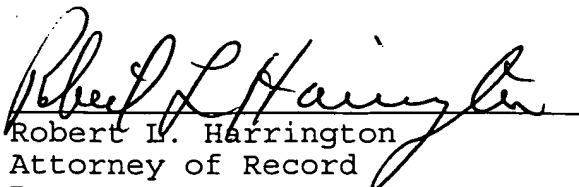
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Please make the amendments shown in the attached papers in this application in the specification and drawings.

This amendment is for the correction of formal matters. As shown in the remarks of the attached amendment, these corrections are needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention and require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office.

The issue fee has not been paid.

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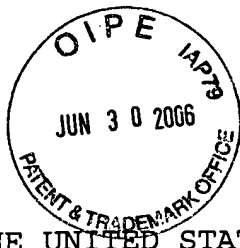
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AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

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Applicant proposes the following amendments to the drawings and the specification.

In the Specification

Amend the paragraph starting at page 8, line 20 to page 9, line 2 to read as follows:

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the wheel end assembly of Fig. 2 illustrating a prior embodiment shown in Fig. 9 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,109,411. As will be noted, the wheel hub 46 includes an integral outboard flange 52 which provides an outboard shoulder for wheel bearing 54. The wheel bearing 54 rotatably supports the wheel hub 46 and wheel 36 (shown in Fig. 2) relative

to the non-rotating knuckle 48 mounted to or part of the vehicle frame (not otherwise shown).

In the Drawings


5 Amend Fig. 3 of the drawings as shown in the attached corrected sheet of drawings. The change is that Fig. 3 is indicated to be prior art.

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10 Failure to denote that Fig. 3 is prior art was without any deceptive intent. It will be noted that this same drawing appears in U.S. Patent No. 6,109,411 which was listed in applicant's Information Disclosure Statement. Furthermore, it is clear from the description starting at page 8, line 20 that applicant merely
15 employs Fig. 3 to indicate that portion of a wheel hub to which the invention is directed, i.e., indicated by the letter "R". At page 9, line 8 the specification states: "It is the retention structure R and related components (coupler) to which the present invention is directed. The preferred and alternate embodiments thereof are
20 described in detail hereafter." Then at the beginning of the following paragraph at line 17: "Reference is now made to Fig. 4 which is an enlarged view of the first version/embodiment of the invention." Applicant submits that the failure to identify Fig. 3 as prior art is merely an oversight and acceptance of this

amendment is respectfully requested.

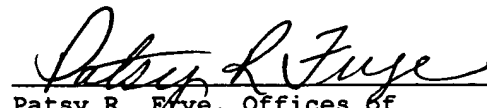
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VERSION SHOWING CHANGES TO SPECIFICATION

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